MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It was a genuine mistake. When he was appointed, it was done under the impression that he was a History graduate. As soon as it was learnt that he was a Science graduate, the appointment was cancelled.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Director made any enquiries of Mr. John's qualifications before he appointed him as Chief Examiner for History?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. John was considered suitable for a Chief Examiner's post, and I accepted the report from my subordinates that he was a History graduate. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a mistake. But the mistake was discovered very soon and immediately rectified.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam* I): May I know whether the practice of receiving applications for examiners' posts is in vogue in the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Mr. John had not stated in his application that he was a Science graduate?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. John did not apply for the Chief Examiner's post.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Was any action taken against the subordinate who made the false report?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It cannot be said that the report was *false*. We appointed a very large number of Examiners so that this mistake occurred. But, as I said, the error was very soon discovered and immediately rectified. There was therefore no necessity to take any action against anybody.

The Travancore Athletic Association.

245. ❋ MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount is given as grant to the Travancore Athletic Association;

(*b*) if so, what is the amount; and

(*c*) what is the amount spent by the Cochin Government on the Cochin Athletic Association?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 450 per annum.

(*c*) Government have no information.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With reference to part (*c*), may I know whether the Government will be pleased to get that information?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not think it necessary; but if the member wants it, Government will reconsider the question.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Do not the Government think that the amount allotted for the Travancore Athletic Association is meagre ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not think so. It is a matter of opinion.

Tamil Short-hand Reporter in the Police Commissioner's office.

246. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a Tamil Short-hand Reporter was recently appointed in the Police Commissioner's office ;

(*b*) his salary ;

(*c*) his age ;

(*d*) his technical qualification ;

(*e*) his general qualification and

(*f*) whether it is true that he has neither the general nor the technical qualification ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. (40) forty.

(*c*) Twenty years.

(*d*) Knows Tamil Short-hand.

(*e*) Has studied up to English School Final Class.

(*f*) The member is referred to the answers to parts (*d*) and (*e*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether he has passed Tamil Short-hand and Typewriting Examinations ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : I do not know. He knows Tamil Short-hand.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether he has passed the examination in Short-hand and Typewriting ?

PRESIDENT : He has said that he does not know. He only knows the fact that he knows Tamil Short-hand.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, my question was whether a Tamil Short-hand Reporter was recently appointed in the Police Commissioner's office ? He is evading the answer.

PRESIDENT : He tells you that the person appointed knows Tamil Short-hand.

*MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Has he got the necessary technical qualification ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : I do not understand the meaning of the word qualification. Is it any examination ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member

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